

Prayer of the Faithful

Weekend 1st & 2nd February 2025

The Presentation of the Lord

1. For the whole Church that, inspired by the Holy Spirit with wisdom and knowledge, we may follow the example of Simeon and Anna in making Jesus and his mission known to the world. ***Lord, hear us.***
2. For all the children of our world, that they may be loved and cherished by their families and by the societies in which they live. ***Lord, hear us.***
3. For all who live under the constant threat of violence and the shadow of war, that all people will turn from violence to peace. ***Lord, hear us.***
4. For all young people who are preparing this year for their First Holy Communion or to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, that they will always keep Jesus at the centre of their lives. ***Lord, hear us.***

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Weekend 8th & 9th February 2025

1. We pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and for all who have been called to preach the word of God, that they may do so with enthusiasm and with love for all of God's people. **Lord, hear us.**
2. We pray for all who have to work during the night; fishermen at sea, staff in hospitals and all who provide night-time and emergency services for the community. We ask the Lord to bless them in their work. **Lord, hear us.**
3. In the Gospel we heard of how Peter felt unworthy of his calling. We pray for all those whose lives are held back because of their low self-esteem and their lack of self-confidence. May they find inspiration in the story of St Peter. **Lord, hear us.**
4. We pray for the sick and those who are suffering; that even in the midst of their discomfort or pain, they may discover the healing presence of Jesus. **Lord, hear us.**

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Weekend 15th & 16th February 2025

1. We pray that the Church throughout the world may never be afraid to preach Christ's message of justice for the poor and the oppressed. **Lord, hear us.**
2. We pray for ourselves, that we may discover that we become truly rich and pleasing in God's eyes by serving others and by giving to others. **Lord, hear us.**
3. We pray for ourselves that, in the days ahead, we may have the courage and generosity to reach out the hand of friendship to those with whom we have differences of opinion. **Lord, hear us.**
4. We pray for those whose love is unsung; parents of children, those who care for the elderly and the sick; and all those who patiently bear the burden of loneliness, of pain, of depression. May the Lord remain close to them always. **Lord, hear us.**

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Weekend 22nd & 23rd February 2025

1. We pray for the leaders of the church. May they carry out their mission of spreading the Gospel with kindness, gentleness and love. **Lord, hear us.**
2. We pray for ourselves, that we may be able to show understanding and forgiveness towards those who treat us badly. **Lord, hear us.**
3. We pray for families that are torn apart by rows, by anger, by bitterness. We ask the Lord to send them his Spirit of peace and reconciliation. **Lord, hear us.**
4. We ask the Lord to be close to the sick, to those who are dying, to those worried or afraid. **Lord, hear us.**